

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any need for such a piece of legislation?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is for this Council to decide. If the non-official Members bring a bill, we will consider it.

Fish Curing Yard, Alikkode.

68. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long the establishment of a Fish Curing Yard near the Alikkode river mouth has been in their consideration;

(b) how long more will it remain in consideration-phase;

(c) whether they are aware that the Yard will, among other things, contribute its own share towards the mitigation of the local unemployment distress?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) It has not been under the consideration of Government.

(b) This does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know whether the Inspector of Excise took an agreement from me that I would give site for the fish curing yard.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Whether the Inspector of Excise of Cochin came to me and took an agreement saying that I shall assign a site to the Government for a fish curing yard and then the Government will consider it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Hon'ble Member sent a letter to me and I asked the Inspector to meet him and ask whether he is prepared to give a site free for the purpose.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What do you mean by saying it has not been under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Simply because the Hon'ble Member has only sent a letter to me it cannot be under the consideration of the Government. I have to satisfy myself that the site is suitable and the yard will be self-supporting. It is only then that I will address the Government. I did not report to the Government. The matter will be placed before the Government if I am satisfied that the place is suitable.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did the Excise Inspector represent the Government or did he come in his private capacity?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Under my orders.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did he not represent the Government?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have already answered that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, he did not answer my question.

President.—No report is placed before the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Inspector came to me.

President.—What is your question?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I mean to say that it was under the consideration of the Government.

President.—What the Excise Commissioner says is it is under his consideration and he did not put it before the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why did he not do it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because, for the delay in the consideration of the question the Hon'ble Member is himself responsible. My Inspector went to him thrice but was unable to meet him. He pointed a site in Karkadagam but the place was quite unsuited. The Hon'ble Member promised to show other sites. Since the rains then commenced it was not possible to inspect the place. The Inspector has now submitted a report. The matter is considered by me whether I should address the Government in this matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you say that it was not under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I can distinctly say that it was not under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not wrong, Sir?

President.—It is not possible for me to say.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The answers to questions cannot be discussed.

Widening Blangachal Thodu.

69. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the land-holders of Cranganur offered to give up their respective portions of land to the Government for widening Blangachal Thodu;

(b) the date on which the Government intimated accepting the offer;

(c) why the price of the acquired land has not as yet been paid up;

(e) whether the Government conform to the principle of Economy of time and what proposals they have to realise it?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b). The sites were taken possession of and handed over to the